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: Filed: August 26, 2003)
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: PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
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: AND PROGRAM, AND)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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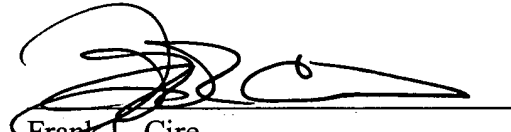
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 2000-259368, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy, together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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